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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR IMPROVING A WORKING MODEL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MAN-MACHINE INTERACTION

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	10/584,224	FAURE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	KANDASAMY THANGAVELU	2123	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to August 31, 2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 10 and 13-18.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other Clean Copy of Allowed Claims.

DETAILED ACTION

Introduction

1. This communication is in response to the Applicants' communication dated August 31, 2009. Claims 10-17 were amended. Claims 10-18 of the application are pending.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Elliott Malamud on November 17, 2009.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Replace claim 10 with:

10. A method of enhancing a user task model by an evolutionary learning process for management of man- machine interaction with a computer, comprising the steps of:

identifying a current state of a user in his task on the basis of an existing user task model implemented on a computer;

identifying events causing a change of state of the user;

identifying a user interaction with the computer performed by the user to manage an event occurring during the change of state of the user;

before each interaction is performed by the user, adding a list of constraints and conditions necessary for triggering the interaction, to the user task model; and

after each interaction performed by the user, adding outputs that this interaction should provide according to results of the interaction which should be presented to the user as feedback, to the user task model.

Cancel claims 11 and 12.

Replace claims 14-18 with:

14. The method according to claim 10, further comprising modifying the user task model in real time, based on the additions made and generating an enhanced user task model.

15. The method according to claim 14, further comprising modifying the interaction with the user in real time, using the enhanced user task model.

16. The method according to claim 14, further comprising performing learning based upon a user interaction, according to the enhanced user task model using a learning module.

17. The method according to claim 14, further comprising deriving man-machine interface service specifications from the enhanced user task model.

18. The method according to claim 10, wherein an initial task model is provided by an expert.

A clean copy of the allowed claims is attached.

Reasons for Allowance

4. Claims 10 and 13-18 of the application are allowed over prior art of record.

5. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The closest prior art of record shows:

(1) developing an adaptive user interface using a user model and an adaptation strategy; a knowledge base model of a user interface design environment (IDE); using knowledge of an application to support run-time execution of the application's interface; using the knowledge model as a basic construct of a user model; extending the adaptive interface to the UIDE architecture utilizing the user model; user defining his model and the adaptation strategy; the user model species the device and interaction preferences and screen layout preferences; adaptive interface information about the user based on how the user works with the application; the model

can change over time as the user works with the application and learns various aspects of the application; UIDE uses knowledge of the application at design time to help automate the interface design process and at run time to control the execution of the application; the knowledge model in UIDE deals with interaction objects and interaction techniques through which the user interacts with the application; data collected at run time to determine when the adaptive behavior should be triggered; the UIDE evaluates the adaptation automatically using collected user performance data; the user model is represented for each user; adaptive behaviors of the interface are options that the designer can choose; parameters, pre-conditions, actions and post conditions are captured in the knowledge base (**Sukaviriya et al.**, “Supporting adaptive interfaces in a knowledge based user interface environment”, ACM, 1993);

(2) using user context modeling techniques to identify and provide appropriate computer actions based on a current context and to continuously improve providing such computer actions; the computer actions include presentation of appropriate content and functionality; feedback paths used to assist in automated machine learning in detecting patterns and generating inferred rules; improvements from generated rules can be implemented with or without direct user control; the technique is used for customizing a model of the user’s current context, customizing received themes, predicting appropriate content for presentation or retrieval, customizing software interfaces and mentoring user to promote desired change; higher level abstraction used to characterize output behavior for different types of information; changing conditions detected using previously created models of the user’s context; model of the user context is then updated; the current state of the user is identified and output to the user provided through display;

enhancing software and device functionality through automated learning (**Robarts et al.**, U.S. Patent Application 2002/0083025); and

(3) dynamically adapting a presentation generated with a scalable application to a display screen of any of a plurality of heterogeneous device platforms; the device platform initiates generation of a hierarchical configuration representing a plurality of graphical user interface components; development of model based techniques involving user interface modeling; the user interface model includes a presentation model, a platform model and a task model; the platform model describes the operational functionality forming the user interface for each device supported; the presentation model describes the hierarchy, stylistic choices, selection and placement regarding visual appearances with supported devices; the task model identifies the tasks that the user of the supported devices may perform; mapping between various models is developed to produce a user interface for a particular device; model based approaches generate code based on different models that the developer builds; scalable graphical user interfaces (SGUI) allows scalable applications to operate on any of a plurality of heterogeneous device platforms; customizing modules in SGUI includes a task manager and a transformation manager; the interface is dynamically customized based on the capabilities of the target device platforms and the properties specified by the application developers (**Chen et al.**, U.S. Patent Application 2004/0163046).

Additional state of the art reviewed and considered by the Examiner is found in U.S. Patent Application 2004/00189691; U.S. Patent Application 2003/0144055; U.S. Patent 7,603,657; and U.S. Patent Application 2004/0153992.

None of these references taken either alone or in combination with the prior art of record discloses a method of enhancing a user task model by an evolutionary learning process for management of man- machine interaction with a computer, specifically including:

(Claim 10) “before each interaction is performed by the user, adding a list of constraints and conditions necessary for triggering the interaction, to the user task model; and after each interaction performed by the user, adding outputs that this interaction should provide according to results of the interaction which should be presented to the user as feedback, to the user task model” in combination with the remaining elements and features of the claimed invention.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Kandasamy Thangavelu whose telephone number is 571-272-3717. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Rodriguez, can be reached on 571-272-3753. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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November 18, 2009

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